

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2005 Granta Bar, GradPad

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm

1. Apologies

Ben, Ed, Jordan, Josh, Nick

2. Matters arising from the last meeting

- ❖ Matter of self-definition to be dealt with at a future meeting
- ❖ Ballare: an emergency motion proposed by Robin Sivapalan was passed at CUSU Council this week after some debate. The contract [i.e. trying to formalise the arrangements for the club nights] approach will therefore be tried – Olly to make sure that CUSU follow through.

3. Announcements

- ❖ **NUS Parliamentary lobby:** attended by Jordan, Josh and Olly last Thursday. There were hardly any MPs there but our MP, Anne Campbell, has in any case signed up to the anti-discriminatory legislation. Barbara Roche MP gave a good speech outlining the government's policy. There was a press stunt.
- ❖ **Unique:** was attended by 369 people this week. Various people had complained that they had been asked to pay £4 (not £3) to get in with a CUSU card – **Rhi to investigate**
- ❖ **Rat and Parrot pre-Life drinks:** will start after the vacation
- ❖ Rhi will also be attending a meeting of the Pink Picnic organisers, representing CUSU LBGT.
- ❖ Emily's Sex Talk will probably be around the 18th-20th May (to coincide with Sexual Health Awareness Week).

4. Questions

[none]

5. Items of business

5a. Open meeting: evaluation and required action

Evaluation:

- ❖ It was long, but no-one left despite having the opportunity to do so.
- ❖ The amount of participation was good. It was agreed that discussing some of the motions had been a good idea but that this format shouldn't be extended to all motions in future meetings – it's best for specific types of motion where discussion can be helpful in terms of working out the resolutions.
- ❖ The structure of some motions was complicated and made it hard to understand their objectives, but the motion structure is laid down by CUSU and so can't be changed.
- ❖ It was agreed to provide lots of refreshments at future Open Meetings and that the refreshments should be widely publicised as a way to attract more people (the chocolate at the last meeting went down very well!). Plus tea/coffee/drinks would make a long meeting more bearable.

Action:

- ❖ **Exec Accountability motion:** we're doing this anyway.

- ❖ **Community links motion:** We're already doing some of this, e.g. Rhi's involvement with the Pink Picnic. ***Rhi (and Ed?) to compile a list of community organisations.***
- ❖ **NUS motion:** attended the parliamentary lobby last week.
- ❖ **HE motion:** motion failed
- ❖ **Transphobia:** Olly to take forward
- ❖ **Biphobia:** Emily to continue working on, maybe with a Campaigns Officer when we eventually get one!
- ❖ **Black Students' officer motion:** this was a matter of some debate at the Open Meeting, and opinion within the Exec as to the necessity of the post (and whether it will achieve greater involvement or segregation) varied. The result of the Open Meeting was that the Exec has been mandated to consult widely on the matter of the name and scope of the post. ***Alistair will draft a letter to all who might fall within the scope of the post, asking for their views on its name and what the post should encompass, having first found out who it should be sent to and circulated the letter round the Exec for input. The letter will also be sent out to college reps. Replies to be received during the first week of next term in time for the Exec meeting on the second Sunday back.***
- ❖ **Ballare:** Olly has it in hand.
- ❖ **Testimonies:** Olly is dealing with this.

The issue of **condom supply** also came up at the Open Meeting. Olly confirmed that condoms at Unique during full term are supplied by DHIVERse. The location of the tub of condoms was discussed: should they be located around Life, rather than just at the cloakroom? The current location is certainly logical, but maybe not everyone sees it. Mike raised the question of what happens to the free condoms that the Campaign receives from the University, and the extent to which people are happy to ask Welfare/their college reps for condoms. Also whether it would be possible to get more free condoms by writing to Durex etc.

It was suggested that Ben talk to the Reps at his Reps' training event regarding the supply of condoms, how this currently works in each college, and ways that it might be improved.

Emily showed everyone what a (banana-flavoured) dental dam looks like and noted that dental dams of any sort aren't sold at Boots or Superdrug – this would perhaps be an issue for the eventual Campaigns Officer to work on.

5b. Elusive Exec positions

- ❖ It was decided that, in the interest of filling the post of Campaigns Officer, ***Olly will approach those who previously expressed interest in the role, and will also keep pushing it at Open Meetings.*** Possible candidates will be told that the job is not as intimidating as it might sound, and that they'll get lots of help from the rest of the Exec.
- ❖ In terms of the Transgender Rep, we ideally need someone who self-defines thus. We could ask Heather if she would like to be a "consultant" on Transgender matters, since, as she is an employee of the University rather than a student, she cannot be a member of the Campaign but would still be able (and hopefully willing) to provide valuable input.

5c. Website and mailing lists

- ❖ The website still hasn't been updated, Mike still hasn't been added to the Exec mailing list, and there are problems with the lists of subscribers to some of the email lists – additions and removals haven't been done. Alistair is having to blind copy listings to people which is problematic in

terms of privacy. It would be good to have the website up-to-date by next term.

- ❖ Nick hasn't answered emails about this.
- ❖ It was agreed that, in view of Nick's situation, we would ask if we can help by taking back/sharing control of the website code and mailing list management, sorting out the problems. ***Olly, Emily, and Mike if necessary to talk to Nick.***

5d. Looking ahead

- ❖ Olly will implement an Exec calendar next term so everyone should think about what they want to organise and when, so that it can be added.

6. AOB

- ❖ Robin Sivapalan's motion at CUSU council that the possibility of having an LGBT Sabbatical officer was passed: ***Olly to write a dossier explaining the need for such a post.***

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Next meeting: Sunday 24 April, 7.30, venue tbc.